

REMARKS

Claims 4-7, 11-13, 15, and 17-21 are currently pending in the present application, with Claims 4, 7, 11, 12, 15, and 17 being amended, and Claims 19-21 being added. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

The Examiner rejected Claim 17 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. Applicants have amended Claim 17 to further clarify the claimed invention, and respectfully submit that the amended claim complies with 35 U.S.C. § 112.

The Examiner rejected Claims 1, 3, 8, 9, and 16 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lee et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,483,355) in view of Tomasz et al. (previously cited). This rejection is moot in view of the canceled claims.

The Examiner objected to Claims 4-7 and 11-13 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants have rewritten Claims 4-7 and 11-13 in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, and therefore respectfully submit that the amended claims are in condition for allowance.

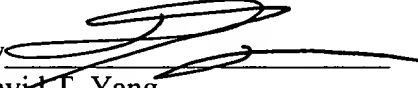
New Claims 19-21 have been added to further claim the different aspects of the present invention, and are respectfully submitted as in condition for allowance.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If it is determined that a telephone conversation would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Assistant Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing docket no. 535352000400. However, the Assistant Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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